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## **Domino Pavilion Coming to Miami Beach**

-- Groundbreaking Ceremony Kicks Off City's Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations --

**Miami Beach, FL** – The clacking of the resin or ivory tiles resonates with those who play the game of dominos. For many, the game is a social event that combines competition with comradery whether they play with double sixes, eights, nines or more.

As early as November, this game will be played beachside in Miami Beach, as the City breaks ground on a contemporary and distinctive domino pavilion on Thursday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m. at North Beach Bandshell Park, 7251 Collins Avenue.

"We're excited provide a new place for community members to socialize, while playing a game with so much history and meaning," said Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine.

The 18' by 18' concrete open pavilion structure will be the first of its kind in Miami Beach. Roll-down security gates will be installed on all sides and four permanent domino tables will accommodate up to 16 players. Electrical service and decorative lights are a part of the project, along with a concrete path connection to the walkway on 72 Street. This new facility will be ADA accessible.

Once the first domino pavilion is in place, the City intends to build additional structures adjacent to it, each accommodating up to 16 players. The City aims to create a place for adults and children to gather and play dominoes in the ocean air. The goal is to build a sense of community for domino lovers of all ages and backgrounds.

"This project is fun and keeps us thinking outside the box," said Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Director David Martinez. "It's been great to collaborate with Parks and Recreation to make this domino pavilion come to life."

Domino Pavilion is designed by Architeknics, Inc. Shiff Construction & Development, Inc. is the contractor building the structure. This project is funded by the North Beach Quality of Life Resort Tax Fund and the cost of the first domino pavilion project is approximately \$147,000.

For further details about the event or project production, contact CIP Public Information Specialist Lauren Firtel at laurenfirtel@miamibeachfl.gov or 305.673.7071.

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